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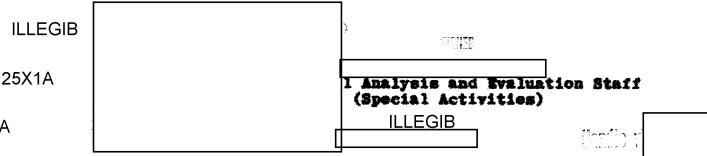
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19 March 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT : A Bit of History

- 21 January 1959 Discoverer No. 0: Thor-Agena burned on its pad at attempted launch.
- 28 February 1959 Discoverer No. 1:
 Reached orbit with a light weight engineering payload.
 No recovery was planned.
- 13 April 1959 Discoverer No. 2:
 Reached orbit with a light weight biomedical payload.
 Recovery was unsuccessful.
- 3 June 1939 Discoverer No. 3: Failed to reach orbit with a biomedical payload.
- 25 June 1959 Discoverer No. 4: Failed to reach orbit with the first camera payload.
- 13 August 1959 Discoverer No. 5:
 Reached orbit with a camera payload. Recovery was unsuccessful.
- 10 August 1960 Discoverer No. 13:
 Reached orbit with an engineering payload. First successful recovery from the sea was made.
- 18 August 1960 Discoverer No. 14:
 Reached orbit with a camera payload. Recovery was
 successful for the first time of a film payload and
 for the first time by air pickup.



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